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SUBJECT: US SUPPORT TO UN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY TEAMS (UNDATS)

- 1. ROBERT TRUSK, SENIOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER OF UN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ADVISED MISOFF THAT FUNDS FOR UNDATS WOULD BE EXHAUSTED BY YEAR END, WHICH AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN THE PAST THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING THE USG. HE SAID HE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS BY HIS SUPERIOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR VASSILIOV, WHO IN TURN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS BY DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES JACOB MOSAK TO SPECIFICALLY SEEK OUT, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, U.S. REACTIONS TO POSSI-BILITY OF AUGMENTING USG VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER UNDAT OPERATIONS FOR 1976, AFTER WHICH UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ASCERTAIN ROLE OF UNDATS IN UN, REFLECTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES THAT MIGHT OCCUR AS RESULT OF OVERALL UN RESTRUCTURING.
- 2. TRUSK INDICATED THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, WHICH IS OFFICE CHARGED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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HEADING UP UNDATS, HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORMALLY CONTACT

OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS, E.G., IRAN, NETHERLANDS VENEZUELA, MAYBE THE FRG. TRUSK HAD TASK OF CONTACTING USG BECAUSE HE ONLY AMERICAN ON STAFF. IDEA WOULD BE THAT IF INFORMAL SOUNDINGS INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF A FAVORABLE RESPONSE THEN VAN LAETHEM WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH AN OFFICIAL LETTER SEEKING DONATIONS. (THERE IS GREAT RELUCTANCE BY VAN LAETHEM, ACCORDING TO TRUSK, TO OFFICIALLY SEEK FUNDS, THEN TO BE TURNED DOWN).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTS VIEWS ON INFORMAL RESPONSE TO PROVIDE TRUSK. SCALI

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